

## **Domestic Offshore Energy Security Act**

**The goal of the “DOES Act” is to develop domestic hydrocarbon resources in the Gulf of Mexico and off the Southeastern seaboard. The Act will assist in reducing domestic reliance on the foreign supply of hydrocarbon resources and enhance the future energy security of the U.S. The Act opens the Outer Continental Shelf to oil and natural gas production, which also has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 100 million metric tons per year through the greater availability of cleaner burning natural gas for the region.**

**Authorized transactions for exploration** - Authorizes transactions necessary for the exploration and extraction of oil & natural gas in waters adjacent to the U.S. exclusive economic zones (EEZ), specifically Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas and Cuba. This allows U.S. companies to compete with companies from foreign countries as close as 45 miles from the U.S. in Cuban waters.

**Authorized travel for exploration** - Authorizes travel necessary for full time employees, executives, agents, consultants of oil and gas producers, distributors and shippers to Cuba for work related to exploration and extraction only.

**Eastern Gulf of Mexico** – Opens additional areas for domestic production in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico by lifting the federal moratoria boundary from 125 miles to within 45 miles off the western coast of Florida. The Act provides environmental production of U.S. coastlines through the regulation of hydrocarbon resource recovery that is no less stringent than those laid out in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. The Act protects the coastal vista and any production activities will result in no significant adverse effect on the natural habitat.

**Enhanced Oil and Natural Gas Inventory of the South Atlantic Planning Region** – Allows for the surveying of oil and natural gas resources off the southeastern seaboard of the United States using best available assessment technologies; Provided, that governors of affected states (any state that is located north of 30° latitude and south of 40° latitude and contains coastline alongside the Atlantic Ocean – i.e., VA, NC, SC, and GA) petition the Secretary of the Interior to lift any existing Federal legislative or administrative prohibitions for such assessments.

**Enhanced Oil Recovery** – In carrying out the demonstration program for projects to inject carbon dioxide for the purpose of enhancing recovery of oil or natural gas authorized by Section 354 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Secretary of Energy shall ensure that priority is given to projects conducting field demonstrations in geologically challenging fields.